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ON THE COVER

Ron Gilman scored a perfect 10 at this year's NCAA with a layout tumbling with full twist. A performance which brought the full house of 11,000 plus fans to their feet in loud appreciation. USGF photo by Rich Kenney

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The First Year

Although it is difficult to believe I have been in the USGF office for one year. During this time I feel we have made many strides in serving our function — that of providing service to the gymnastics community.

The USGF has successfully moved its office from Tucson to Fort Worth and has established itself in a temporary office while working on the new National Headquarters. We are immensely confident at this point a donor has been identified to build our new national office complex in Fort Worth. We should be moving forward with this project on a very short period of time. Also during the course of the past year the viability of the sport of gymnastics on television has been greatly increased. We have successfully contracted television to cover our important meets domestically as well as those foreign meets which have not been previously covered by television. Our staff within the past year is almost totally new, and I am very proud of the fact they are enthusiastic, knowledgeable and dedicated. It is not out of the ordinary to find them working a twelve hour day, and I find the gymnastics community is fortunate to have such a dedicated group as they.

Regarding the staff, we have created a new position which should greatly serve the USGF coaching community. This position is the Educational and Research Director. Mr. Bill Smith, nationally known coach and an outstanding technician having been national coach for the USA Women's Team, in this position we will endeavor to convey excellent information to the coaching community regarding new trends, new techniques, new movements, national championships, injuries, participation in the sport of gymnastics and other matters that are of such vast interest to coaches. It is only by the USGF Office this service will be invaluable to the coaches and we will begin on September 1, as a part of our new professional membership, to make the technical period available on a bi monthly basis to professional members. We are very excited about this service and think the coaches will feel it quite worthwhile.

Shortly our improved selection of products will be available to the gymnastics community. We have greatly increased our products available to clubs and individuals, having added such new items as T-shirts, sweatshirts, posters, coasters, booklets and other items carrying our logo will be available to the gymnastics public.

As of the September-October issue which will be available in the '81 USGF Congress, our magazine will be updated as a part of the athletic and professional membership. The magazine at present is being revised to the extent that we are including much more of a human interest nature to the articles and we anticipate an ability to provide some good laughs and enjoyable reading for you in the future.

As persons, we are currently planning on implementing a Hall of Fame as part of our office complex when it is built in Fort Worth designed to appropriately honor our past Masters of Sport recipients and other achievers. Gymnastics is moving ahead quite rapidly and it is exciting to be a part of it and provide the leadership for the sport.

ROBERT H. STOUT November 9, 1925 — July 15, 1981

Robert H. Stout, a member of the 1974 U.S. Olympic Gymnastics team, died Wednesday morning, July 15, 1981, while jogging. He was to leave that day for Rome on the U.S. judge assignment to the World University Games Gymnastics Competition.

A prominent figure in the gymnastics world as a competitor, coach and judge, he had an outstanding scholastic career in Philadelphia, winning the Public League All Around title in 1941 and 1943. He was on the U.S. team that competed against Czechoslovakia in 1947. He led the Temple University team to the NCAA title in 1949. Along the way, he collected United States Intercollegiate Gymnastics League championships in the All Around three times in Tumbling, Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar, plus NCAA titles in Floor Exercise and He performed Bar Following Under support. His competitive career took two National All Around titles in 1951 and 1955, collected titles in Floor Exercise, Tumbling and Horizontal Bar and a place on the 1952 Olympic Team.

He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees at Temple University. Following this he taught and coached at Penn Treaty Jr. High School and Wilson High School before moving to Alhambra High School. He coached for 17 at the 25 years for men with the various schools. He founded the greatest program at two schools and co-founded the Jr. High School League in Philadelphia.

One of the most respected judges in the country, he held both national and international licenses and officiated extensively on all levels for the past 24 years. He was currently the Eastern Gymnastics Judges Association's national director and had previously served as the USGA president and as the national technical director for the national judging body. He contributed to the rules foundations and interpretations that are in current use.



Another project which is rapidly coming to fruition is a national apparel sponsorship. We are in the process of final negotiations with an apparel sponsor who will provide high quality competitive uniforms to the Men's and Women's USA Teams. We feel that we have obtained an excellent apparel sponsor and hopefully we will be able to make a formal announcement regarding this sponsorship in the near future.

Negotiations for a national corporate sponsor are also well underway with three viable candidates talking with the USGF regarding the various elements of a sponsorship. We feel this program is going well although realistically we are still several months from finalization talks. We hope that by early 1982 we can announce that we do indeed have a national sponsor.

Lastly, but perhaps most important, we are finally in the finishing stages of the design of a true national training program for elite women. This finishing touches are now being developed on the program and our invaluable properties that we began to implement the program in 1982. Although, this obviously is late for the 1984 World Championships, it should have a very definite positive impact on the 1984 Olympic Games to be held in Los Angeles. The USA has never had a true, all-encompassing national program for women before and we feel that this is the most significant development to occur in recent years.

His influence infused into the Citizens Savings Hall of Fame, the Temple University Hall of Fame, the National Gymnastics Judges' Association Hall of Fame, and had been named Eastern Judge of the Year.

He is survived by his wife, the former Susan Beaman, and two children, Richard (an M.D.) and Susan.



1981 CHAMPION OF THE USA — TRACEE TALAVERA

March 1981
Lehigh University — Pennsylvania



At Championships of the USA all-around champion Tracee Talavera shared by newcomer Trish Tish on the left and veteran Kelly Johnson

50 senior women gymnasts and 51 junior gymnasts gathered at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania in March for the '81 Championships of the USA. This competition determined the 30 member USA National Team, the AA Champion of the USA for 1981, the 32 member USA Junior National Team, as well as qualifying the top 15 senior floor exercise for the World Championships Team Trials on September in Fort Collins, Colorado.

The Senior Meet — Tracee Talavera from Malvern, National Academy in Oregon surpassed Atlanta's Kelly Johnson as the AA (19.55 to 19.85) to win "The" Championships of the USA. Talavera was the AA despite ranking first in only one event, during compulsory and optional, scoring a 9.45 BB on the optional.

Michelle Goodwin (Berkeley) finished a strong third, 18 ahead of '80 USA Champion Julianne McNamara. The defending champion had a consistent meet, but a 9.45 compulsory floor set was perhaps the responsible factor in keeping her from back to back AA titles. As journalist Gail Auland from Allentown's Morning Call accurately pointed in her morning article on the day of the compulsory prelims: "The competition is simply too tight to permit one week more." Auland also denied the Portland, Ore. Mailer, who was second after compulsory (19 behind Talavera), but a 7.45 optional BB lowered her optional AA score to 35.15 and dropped her to 11th AA.

Fifth place went to Chicago's Amy Norgman, 4th was Susan Mann from the MO's and in 7th was Trish Tish from Santa Fe, New Mexico. 9th and 10th and also qualifying for the USA World Championships Team Trials were Kelly Chaplin (Alb., NM), Lisa Zee (Nagans, NY) and Lynn Lander (Dacula, GA).

The Junior Meet — In 1980 Duane Durham received the Karen Kelso Award as the Most Promising Gymnast in the North Shore Invitational held in British Columbia, Canada. Less than a year later she held off Nicole Kambour (Piedmont) 53.85 to 51.80 to win the Junior AA title at the Championships of the USA. Durham (Glenkhams — Shalburg, IL) had a 37.85 in the optional — 8.45 V, 9.45 CB, 9.35 BB and 9.45 FX — and given time to physically mature and continued improvement, with dance, form and flexibility, could prove to be an exceptional gymnast in the future. Her competitive maturity matched that of many of the older internationally renowned senior gymnasts, as she appeared to compete with a relaxed confidence, far past her 15 years. Finishing in 2nd Lisa McVay (MarVetana), 4th Penny Blisk (Tucson), 15th Mary Lou Kerton (Arona Park) and 8th Nancy McDonald (Glenview).

Jack Crooke (USGA) commenting on these championships, "If you missed the 1981 Championships of the USA, you truly missed a 'Sport Spectacular' — the gymnasts provided everyone with 3 days of excitement, growth, passion and exciting performances, and have raised the USA team level of perfection and difficulty substantially a credit to the gymnasts and their dedicated coaches.

Notes — In combining both the Senior and Junior Elites there were 89 gymnasts, with 3 elites each having qualified 8 gymnasts to these championships — the host team Parkettes (Diana and Bill Starnes), Nure's Frontier Gymnastics (Steve Shick) and National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics (Linda and Dick Malvern). No senior gymnast was more than 2 events during the AA competition with 6 girls doing all among them those 6 in place — compulsory and optional PB:BB:BBV.

1981 U.S.A. WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 15, 1981

SENIOR ELITE RESULTS

		Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Total
1	Takewell, Neil / Acid (Comp + Opt = 76.80)	Comp 8.40 Opt 8.20	8.15 8.70	8.00 8.80	8.25 8.75	38.80 37.30
2	Johnson, Atlanta (Comp + Opt = 79.95)	Comp 8.15 Opt 8.25	8.25 8.80	8.75 9.40	8.30 8.95	38.75 39.20
3	Boelen, Berke (Comp + Opt = 73.35)	Comp 8.15 Opt 8.30	8.70 8.35	8.10 8.85	8.55 8.40	35.50 37.40
4	McIntosh, Neil / Acid (Comp + Opt = 73.35)	Comp 8.15 Opt 8.30	8.35 8.90	8.05 8.35	8.30 8.95	35.55 37.40
5	Reynolds, Mid Tied (Comp + Opt = 79.95)	Comp 8.30 Opt 8.45	8.30 8.40	8.40 8.90	8.35 8.85	38.75 39.45
6	Mann, MD's (Comp + Opt = 79.95)	Comp 8.30 Opt 8.35	8.30 8.75	8.00 8.45	8.60 8.75	35.90 36.75
7	Tiss, Idaho (Comp + Opt = 72.40)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.45	8.35 8.45	8.45 8.25	8.55 8.25	35.30 36.50
8	Chaplin, Albuquerque (Comp + Opt = 72.30)	Comp 8.20 Opt 8.40	8.30 8.35	8.80 8.30	8.10 8.20	36.60 36.25
9	Zell, Niagara (Comp + Opt = 72.30)	Comp 8.30 Opt 8.45	8.35 8.65	8.35 8.95	8.60 8.60	36.60 36.60
10	Lacoste-Denis, Doris (Comp + Opt = 72.15)	Comp 8.20 Opt 8.25	8.20 8.85	8.75 8.65	8.00 8.20	35.15 36.00
11	Stallone, Pasadena (Comp + Opt = 71.85)	Comp 8.15 Opt 8.65	8.35 8.30	8.75 7.65	8.95 8.15	36.75 35.15
12	Rice, Gym-Dance (Comp + Opt = 70.65)	Comp 8.10 Opt 8.45	8.30 8.35	8.25 8.50	8.10 8.15	34.45 35.45
13	Blumner, Niagara (Comp + Opt = 70.60)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.35	8.30 8.55	8.35 8.45	8.40 8.40	34.60 35.00
14	Eller, Richmond (Comp + Opt = 70.55)	Comp 8.10 Opt 8.38	8.30 8.40	8.40 8.15	8.40 8.50	35.40 35.15
15	Fladler, Pasadena (Comp + Opt = 70.55)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.35	8.35 8.55	8.35 8.75	8.55 8.75	35.00 35.55
16	Pope, Little Rock (Comp + Opt = 70.55)	Comp 8.10 Opt 8.00	8.35 8.55	7.80 8.85	8.80 8.55	34.60 35.65
17	LUFF, Gym Olympic (Comp + Opt = 70.45)	Comp 8.35 Opt 8.10	8.40 8.90	8.30 8.75	8.70 8.75	34.90 35.55
17	Badenrich, Neil / Acid (Comp + Opt = 70.45)	Comp 8.35 Opt 8.10	8.35 8.40	8.00 8.40	8.60 8.90	35.00 35.40
18	Hines, Bridgeport (Comp + Opt = 70.45)	Comp 8.15 Opt 8.00	8.75 8.90	8.20 8.60	8.75 8.45	34.60 35.15
19	Montana, Seattle (Comp + Opt = 70.40)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.40	8.30 7.85	8.40 8.35	8.60 8.30	34.60 34.50
21	Taylor, Utah Acid (Comp + Opt = 70.35)	Comp 8.10 Opt 8.15	8.40 8.80	8.25 8.80	8.40 8.80	34.75 35.60
21	Koser, Sanquillo (Comp + Opt = 70.35)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.10	8.40 8.40	8.45 8.05	8.45 8.45	34.65 35.50
23	McConnell, Skutumpah (Comp + Opt = 70.30)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.05	8.40 8.55	8.30 8.55	8.35 8.55	34.65 35.50
24	Heal, Ariz. Tied (Comp + Opt = 70.30)	Comp 8.40 Opt 8.45	7.85 8.45	8.55 8.00	8.10 8.40	34.75 35.40
25	Phillips, Quin Co. (Comp + Opt = 69.75)	Comp 8.35 Opt 8.45	8.00 8.20	8.55 7.80	8.60 8.60	35.30 34.45
25	Hessford, Southamptn (Comp + Opt = 69.75)	Comp 8.10 Opt 8.20	8.30 8.10	8.25 8.00	8.45 8.40	34.45 34.60
27	Morhe, Aetf / Acid (Comp + Opt = 69.70)	Comp 8.35 Opt 8.40	8.15 8.30	8.50 8.05	8.45 8.05	34.65 35.05
28	Cham, Anaheim (Comp + Opt = 68.90)	Comp 8.15 Opt 8.30	8.45 8.30	8.60 8.05	8.35 8.30	34.45 34.65

29	Stedice, Mid Tied (Comp + Opt = 68.85)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.35	8.45 8.10	8.50 8.70	8.85 8.65	35.15 35.45
30	Mittel, MD (Comp + Opt = 67.85)	Comp 8.30 Opt 8.75	8.40 8.60	8.40 7.45	8.85 8.85	34.45 35.90
31	Reaher, SCRA/CH (Comp + Opt = 65.30)	Comp 8.30 Opt 8.35	8.00 8.00	8.40 8.00	8.90 8.00	33.30 33.00
32	Skoritz, SCRA/CH (Comp + Opt = 6.95)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.00	8.05 8.00	8.30 8.00	8.00 8.00	30.35 30.00

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March 15, 1981

JUNIOR ELITE RESULTS

		Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Total
1	Burham, Gymnasia (Comp + Opt = 79.25)	Comp 8.90 Opt 8.40	8.05 8.45	8.70 8.25	8.70 8.40	35.75 37.00
2	Kushner, Pasadena (Comp + Opt = 73.80)	Comp 8.10 Opt 8.15	8.15 8.35	8.55 8.10	8.60 8.70	35.00 35.20
3	McVey, Intervale (Comp + Opt = 71.75)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.10	8.50 8.30	8.60 8.80	8.20 8.60	33.70 34.60
4	Block, Twicken (Comp + Opt = 71.45)	Comp 8.15 Opt 8.55	8.45 8.55	8.35 8.20	8.80 8.60	35.15 36.25
5	Ratton, Jaxal Port (Comp + Opt = 71.35)	Comp 8.75 Opt 8.50	8.00 8.35	8.55 8.25	8.40 8.40	34.90 35.40
6	McDonald, Skutumpah (Comp + Opt = 70.85)	Comp 8.30 Opt 8.30	8.30 8.15	8.40 8.50	8.35 8.40	34.25 34.40
7	Smith, MD (Comp + Opt = 70.65)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.00	8.40 8.45	8.35 8.15	8.50 8.55	35.05 35.55
8	Rosenberry, Pasadena (Comp + Opt = 70.60)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.10	8.30 8.50	8.75 8.10	8.60 8.60	34.65 35.70
9	Winer, Memphis (Comp + Opt = 70.30)	Comp 8.20 Opt 8.55	8.25 8.35	8.40 8.50	8.50 8.25	35.35 34.75
10	Murbeck, Anaheim (Comp + Opt = 70.15)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.40	8.35 8.40	8.50 8.60	8.00 8.10	35.75 34.35
11	Houghton, St Louis (Comp + Opt = 70.05)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.00	8.40 8.70	8.50 8.25	8.50 8.15	35.45 35.15
11	Sies, L.A. Lights (Comp + Opt = 70.05)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.00	8.40 8.50	8.50 8.10	8.55 8.15	35.35 34.45
13	Jacques, All Amer (Comp + Opt = 69.75)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.00	8.30 8.40	8.50 8.60	8.45 8.80	34.45 34.80
14	Rapier, Niagara (Comp + Opt = 69.45)	Comp 8.30 Opt 8.35	8.40 8.55	8.00 8.35	8.60 8.25	34.25 35.25
15	Rolley, MD (Comp + Opt = 69.15)	Comp 8.10 Opt 8.45	8.40 8.40	8.40 8.60	8.45 8.45	34.55 34.85
16	Beaman, Rogers (Comp + Opt = 69.05)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.40	8.30 8.35	8.50 8.60	8.45 8.45	34.30 34.75
17	Leman, Greenfield (Comp + Opt = 68.85)	Comp 8.55 Opt 8.10	8.15 8.30	8.45 8.35	8.05 8.75	34.25 34.60
18	Auerbach, Bridgeport (Comp + Opt = 68.85)	Comp 8.25 Opt 8.35	8.35 8.55	7.65 8.10	8.35 8.45	33.90 34.25
18	Meeney, Anaheim (Comp + Opt = 68.85)	Comp 8.05 Opt 8.10	8.30 8.45	7.65 8.30	8.05 8.05	33.30 34.70
20	Weston, Niagara (Comp + Opt = 67.85)	Comp 8.75 Opt 8.55	8.30 8.35	7.35 8.30	8.55 8.45	32.05 34.75
21	Russell, P. NW Tied (Comp + Opt = 68.85)	Comp 8.55 Opt 8.30	8.25 8.40	8.30 7.90	8.40 8.35	32.80 32.70

1981 CHAMPION OF THE USA JIM HARTUNG



(upper left) 81
Championship of the
USA All-around winner
Jim Hartung (above)
Chris Regel, highest
placed non-collegiate
gymnast (left) "Oh
raked" Orlanoma's
Peter Noss (right)
the dynamic and
flexible Mario
McLain (below)



U.S.G.F. ALL-AROUND 1981 Men's Championships — Lincoln, Nebraska

	Comp.	Opt.	Total				
1 Jim Hartung	57.75	58.00	115.75	19 Tim Daggett	55.40	55.35	110.75
2 Peter Vlasov	57.55	57.40	114.95	14 Chris Regel	55.80	54.50	110.30
3 Ben Gerner	57.40	57.40	114.80	15 Brett Gering	54.90	55.35	110.25
4 Phil Gately	56.60	57.25	113.85	16 Kevin Tracy	54.40	55.60	110.00
5 Scott Johnson	56.55	56.55	113.10	17 Tom Beach	54.15	55.85	109.70
6 Mario McLain	56.55	56.45	113.00	17 Roy Palomaki	54.10	55.15	109.70
7 Peter Stodd	56.10	56.65	112.75	18 Brian Masarik	54.00	54.80	108.90
8 Mark Goss	56.05	56.70	112.75	20 Steve Marino	54.00	54.70	108.75
9 Mitch Gaylord	55.30	56.05	111.35	21 Billy Paul	54.15	54.75	108.90
10 Brian Goodrick	54.25	54.55	110.75	22 Kent Gieseler	54.15	53.35	107.45
10 Chuck Chenailles	54.50	55.55	110.75	23 Wallace Miller	54.40	53.25	107.65
12 Ken Gallenore	54.25	54.40	110.55	24 Jerry Ray	53.45	52.30	105.75

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'81 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

University of Nebraska

April 2 - 4, 1981

"If Nebraska is to duplicate Penn State's feat of three straight NCAA Championships in 1955-56 and '61, the Cornhuskers need to be fired up to survive Big 9 Champ Championships and PAC-10 Champ UCLA." —Barry York, Lincoln Star, 4-3-81

TEAM COMPETITION — COMPULSORYS

"By the time the compulsory session was over much of the pattern of the meet was already apparent." — M. J. Kautzschick, International Gymnast, June 1981

	PE	PH	R	B	FE	HE	TOTAL
Nebraska	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.75	48.00	47.40	289.50 1
Oklahoma	45.00	48.25	48.00	48.00	48.25	47.75	279.00 2
UCLA	48.00	48.00	47.25	48.00	45.40	47.00	275.65 3
Iowa State	45.10	47.10	48.00	48.00	48.10	48.20	276.50 4
Oregon	48.75	45.25	45.75	48.75	45.50	44.00	268.00 5
Penn State	48.45	45.00	44.75	48.25	47.00	42.00	265.50 6
Utah	48.00	41.00	48.00	45.00	48.50	44.00	261.00 7
Arizona State	42.25	41.00	43.00	45.00	43.00	43.00	256.75 8
Ohio State	41.75	44.00	43.25	44.15	39.75	43.45	256.30 9
Cal State Fullerton	38.45	39.00	41.00	44.40	39.00	38.55	202.40 10

"It is long past time to go back to regional qualifications for determining both compulsory and optional so that we can be sure all teams are prepared for compulsory competition." — Kautzschick, IG

"We are really happy we are about 14 good iterations for tomorrow. We know if any event would make it to finals, it is going to be the pommel horse." — Francis Allen — Nebraska, Daily Nebraskan, 4-3-81

"The first goal in the Team Championship, and we're in better shape after compulsory's than we've ever been." — Jim Hartung — Nebraska, Lincoln Journal, 4-3-81

TEAM COMPETITION — OPTIONALS

"Nebraska ended up a record optional team score, 10 points away from the 10 team field." — Ken Hambleton, Lincoln Star, 4-4-81

"UCLA bounced back the loss of all-around freshman Tim Daggett, who dislocated his ankle at the end of his first exercise routine, that second event of the night for the Bruins." — Hambleton, Lincoln Star

"You can't substitute until you start so we had to crowd all our scores, and our last just picked it up and gave the greatest performance in UCLA gymnastics history." — Art Shierley — UCLA, Lincoln Star, 4-4-81

"It's tough to compete here in Nebraska because they have great fan support and always have momentum. We're going to give Nebraska one back at a battle (on Texas Field)." — Russ Connor — Oklahoma, press conference, 4-4-81

"Tomorrow everybody has to start from scratch. It's just like a triangular, and very psychological, everybody is pretty much drained." — Allen, press conference, 4-4-81

TEAM FINALS — NEBRASKA, OKLAHOMA, UCLA

"Cahoy let his emotions fly after completing his high bar routine. He took off in an uncontrolled way with his fingers held high to signal the Huskers were the nation's No. 1 team again." — Steve Sanchez, Omaha World Herald, 4-4-81

"Chris McChesfield is a great job." — Steve (4:04:41) sweet and soft leader in the air. — Scott Johnson is a great young gymnast. — Allen, Omaha World Herald

"They were great team. We thought we put on a great performance and they beat us. I would never not recognize and completely excellent." — Paul Rini — Oklahoma, Omaha World Herald, 4-4-81

ALL-AROUND COMPETITION

"Jim will find that the elusive No. 1 is not the easiest thing to come by. If we worry too much about each other, we could find ourselves second and third behind Fritz Walser." — Conway, Lincoln Star, 4-4-81

"The consistency is the thing." — Hartung, Lincoln Journal, 4-3-81 (Jim Hartung was 24 for 24 in 3 days of competition — editor)



Steve Sanchez returns from Germany

"It always runs close between Jim and I — enough it just won't fit my." — Connor, press conference, 4-4-81

"I was pleased with everything. The pommel horse routines were my best ones. I was proud to be in 5 leads tomorrow." — Ken Galtner — Iowa State (4:45:44), press conference, 4-4-81

EVENT FINALS

"It's the best I've done (38.75). It's not that hard to get motivated to front of 11,000 Nebraska gymnastics fans." — Hartung, Omaha World Herald, 4-4-81

"Ken Galtner (38) did twisting takeoffs, leered out in crowd, took, with great height, unquestionably the best vault of the night, from the greatest vaulters in the world. 39.00? Ken received a standing ovation, winning his third title. It is certainly appropriate that this great athlete and gymnast won the first 10.00 in the 20 years of the NCAA competition." — Kautzschick, IG

"NCAA GYM MEET TOPS CROWD MARK"

"Utah — Attendance records were set for the NCAA Gymnastics Championships Saturday with a crowd of 11,172 at the evening individual finals and 8,970 at the afternoon team finals.

The final attendance for the three day meet at the Bob Gerny Sports Center was a record setting 38,917. The previous record was 23,465 — Omaha World Herald Bureau

"DALLAS/ROMA'S CORNER WINS NISSEN AWARD"

"Dallas/Roma's Best Corner has been named winner of the 1981 Nissen Award, the National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches' Newsmen Award.

Corner received the most coveted award in men's gymnastics at a banquet in Lincoln.

A panel of college coaches and judges selected Corner to receive the award after judging him in three categories—gymnastics accomplishment, sportsmanship and scholarship.—Lincoln Star, 4-26-81

COMPULSORY & OPTIONAL

TEAM SCORES

TEAM	FX	PH	R	V	PO	HB	TOTAL
1 Nebraska	45.00	45.00	45.00	46.75	46.00	47.40	260.50
	47.00	47.75	47.00	47.75	47.40	48.00	285.90
2 Oklahoma	44.00	44.25	44.00	46.00	46.75	47.75	259.80
	46.75	47.75	46.00	46.75	47.75	47.00	282.50
3 UCLA	44.00	44.50	44.25	46.00	45.40	47.00	259.80
	46.75	48.00	46.50	46.00	46.40	47.00	281.50
4 Iowa State	44.00	47.10	45.00	46.00	46.10	46.00	279.85
	46.50	47.00	47.40	47.00	46.10	45.30	279.85
5 Oregon	43.75	43.25	44.00	44.70	43.80	45.00	260.50
	46.00	43.75	45.10	46.00	47.00	46.00	277.00
6 Penn State	44.45	45.00	44.70	44.30	44.00	46.00	262.35
	46.10	45.00	45.00	46.40	44.75	44.40	271.60
7 Arizona State	42.00	41.50	43.40	45.30	45.40	43.60	256.70
	44.75	42.40	45.75	46.75	45.10	45.00	271.75
8 Illinois	44.00	41.00	41.00	43.00	43.00	44.00	261.00
	44.10	42.70	43.20	43.00	43.20	43.30	269.70
9 Ohio State	44.75	44.00	43.00	44.10	43.75	43.45	259.30
	46.00	42.90	44.70	45.00	43.00	43.00	267.10
10 Cal State Fullerton	43.00	43.00	41.40	44.40	39.00	38.00	232.30
	44.00	44.25	44.25	43.00	43.00	42.00	247.00

1981 NCAA TEAM COMPETITION — FINALS

TEAM	FX	PH	R	V	PO	HB	TOTAL
1 Nebraska	47.00	47.00	46.50	47.15	46.50	48.10	284.80
2 Oklahoma	47.10	46.50	45.00	47.50	47.00	47.85	281.90
3 UCLA	46.40	46.00	47.00	47.70	46.00	47.80	280.50

ALL AROUND

TEAM	FX	PH	R	V	PO	HB	TOTAL
1 Hartung (Nebraska)	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.50	9.50	9.75	57.60
	9.00	9.10	9.75	9.50	9.75	9.75	58.10
2 Corner (Oklahoma)	8.75	8.00	9.70	8.30	9.30	9.70	56.00
	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.40	9.00	9.00	56.30
3 Vidmar (UCLA)	8.45	8.10	9.55	9.30	9.50	9.05	57.90
	8.40	8.00	9.50	9.30	9.00	8.50	57.40
4 Gallimore (Iowa State)	8.75	8.20	9.30	9.40	9.00	9.40	56.00
	8.00	8.40	9.70	9.30	9.40	9.40	57.60
5 Cahoy (Nebraska)	8.30	8.00	9.00	9.30	9.00	9.40	56.00
	8.40	8.00	9.00	9.40	9.00	9.40	56.80
6 Dayford (UCLA)	8.20	8.00	9.40	8.50	9.30	9.50	56.40
	8.00	8.00	9.40	9.40	9.00	9.70	57.20
7 Sabosky (Ill. State)	8.10	8.40	9.10	9.40	9.00	9.10	56.00
	8.20	8.00	9.00	9.10	9.00	9.70	56.70

8 Johnson (Nebraska)	8.90	8.50	9.00	9.40	9.40	9.50	56.90
	9.40	9.50	9.50	9.10	9.40	9.50	58.00
9 Meiner (Minnesota)	8.00	8.30	9.40	9.50	9.40	9.40	56.00
	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.50	9.40	9.40	56.00
10 Stout (Oklahoma)	8.30	9.40	9.00	9.00	9.70	9.00	56.50
	8.40	9.40	9.00	9.30	9.50	9.70	57.70

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INDIVIDUAL FINALS

1981 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

June 4, 5 & 6

OLYMPIC BOUND 1984 was the theme for the 9th National Rhythmic Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 4, 5 and 6th 1981. 48 gymnasts from 8 states and 13 teams qualified through nationwide United-Regional Competition to compete at the Nationals on the Tulsa University campus. Performances were held Thursday and Friday with Juniors and Seniors performing two events each day in international order: Rope, Hoop, Clubs and Ribbon. Event Finals were Saturday night followed by awards presented by distinguished guests from the USAF office, Mr. Scott Cropper, National Program Director for Women and Ed Zamora, US Olympic Committee Gymnastics Coordinator.

SENIOR COMPETITION — **SUE SCOTT**, from Agassiz was crowned 1981st National Champion for the fourth time. Sue is coached by Romanian (Roman) Ionesc who recently moved to the USA from Bucharest where she trained off and on for the past three years. At 21, Sue both is just reaching her full potential in Rhythmic Gymnastics with dreams and goals that point to the 1984 Olympic Games. A seasoned champion who has competed around the world is regarded as international merit and has been recognized by Dr. Joel Goldstein's International Report as being exciting and a top performer. Several times she has qualified for finals and is the first USA gymnast to win a medal in international competition.

Lydia Marie Gabor finished 2nd All-Around and is Senior Event Champion in Rope, Hoop, and Ribbon. She obtained diploma with international experience, which added up to championship performances. Mrs. Gabor was a Group Team member at the World Championships in London, and so an individual competed in France, Bulgaria, and Brazil. At 22, Lydia is truly a mature competitor for the younger US gymnasts.

Valerie Ransing, 14, and **Michelle Boyles**, 15, were 3rd and 4th respectively with only 1st separating them two exciting young gymnasts. Valerie, a member of the Los Angeles Light team has competed in Brazil, Czechoslovakia, France and Bulgaria this year. She shared the first place with Lydia Gabor in the Rope event and was 2nd in Hoop and 3rd in Ribbon. Michelle Boyles, a future student at Marist University who moved to Florida in training with Dr. Marko Mitrovic coach of the United States Gymnastics Team. Master of Sport recognizes Mrs. Boyles has flourished under these great teachers with 1981 being her 4th National Championship and first as a leader. Most people expected her to be Junior National Champion for the last two years but it didn't happen. Finally this year, the gap is together for a 4th place senior finish and the start of a great career. Wendy Hilliard earned 14 consistent performances making Finals in all events (one can only be described as astounding).

Julian Winkler is also a Los Angeles Light and former Junior National Champion. Her experience continued to her sixth place finish in the Senior Ribbon but she also gained valuable experience competing at distance in France and Bulgaria and has a very solid club routine with a third place overall.

Three of our top three Seniors suffered acute injuries. **Shari Masters** a National Team member for the last three years had to scratch only two days prior to Competition. **Sherry Newell** and National Team member competed with an ankle injury and **Billy Zakoschik** missed four months prior to Nationals due to ankle injury but came to perform in her home state of Oklahoma with grace, class and hoop routine. These are true champions.

JUNIOR COMPETITION — 1981 National Junior Champion — **Suey Derrant**, Los Angeles Light's Stacy won by having 1st and 2nd and consistent routines. Her teammate, Lisa Anderson was second All-Around and Junior Champion in Hoop. Stacy won the Junior Ribbon by winning the Hoop, Clubs and Ribbon event finals. Both girls are coached by All-Indiana USA National Coach Mrs. Stokely who has a Master of Sport from the Soviet Union and contributed to US Rhythmic program by training. My of the top gymnasts in the country. My knowledge and energy is endless and she is helping to train American coaches too.

Thad All-Around was awarded to Oklahoma MBG Team member **Betty Brothers**. She finished 2nd in Clubs and 3rd in Rope event finals. She has played early years in her routine and is the only one to do so. Her coach, **Paul McCarty** is the only American Coach with gymnasts on the National Team. She was selected to coach a USA team in Czechoslovakia in March of 1981. **Debra Watkins** from Detroit Metro was fourth in the Junior division. She is also a National Team member who qualified for the National Sports Festival.

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM — Tulsa, June 1981

It is very encouraging to have so many, new people wanting to learn more about MBG. Coaches, Judges and Gymnasts from all over the country stayed after the National Championships for the National MBG Symposium at the Tulsa University campus. Louisiana, Texas, California, Oklahoma, New York, Arkansas, Michigan, and Nevada were represented. 1981-84 Competitors were taught by the photographers **Ruby Bevin-Nelson** from Colorado taught **Hong Candice** Peckling from Nevada taught **Bill Barbara** Foster from Oklahoma filled in for **Dale Flamen** by coaching. **Clubs**, **Paul McCarty** from Oklahoma filled in for **Norm** Hittler by teaching **Rope** and **Mareen Broderick** from New York filled in for **Marka** Hittler and taught the without apparatus **Class II**. **Alla** Ibratova was kind enough to teach the **Class II Ribbon** routine before her flight home Sunday morning. Hearing up the judging, **Deanna** was **Andrea** Schmitt the 1980 National Champion. **Norm** Stokely administered the National Judging test which 10 people took.

Debra held events of the National Champion Sue Scott conducted an excellent class for the nine gymnasts. Her covered optional compositions, combinations, and choreography with her demonstration.

MBG National Team Members

Sue Scott — Academy of MBG	Joan Ionesc
Lydia Gabor — Independent	Alla Ibratova
Valerie Ransing — LA Lights	Alla Ibratova
Michelle Boyles — Detroit Metro	Zina Mitrova
Wendy Hilliard — Detroit Metro	Zina Mitrova
Julian Winkler — LA Lights	Alla Ibratova
Amy Schmitt — Detroit Metro	Zina Mitrova
Sherry Newell — LA Lights	Alla Ibratova
Karen Lynn — Detroit Metro	Zina Mitrova
Kathy Salazar — Oklahoma MBG	Paul McCarty
Jennifer Dugan — Ohio	Debra Masters
Shari Newell — Detroit Metro	Zina Mitrova
Sherry Derrant — LA Lights	Alla Ibratova
Lisa Anderson — LA Lights	Alla Ibratova
Billy Broderick — Oklahoma MBG	Paul McCarty
Debra Watkins — Detroit Metro	Zina Mitrova
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Mark Broderick — Signal Hill	Mareen Broderick
Joan Winkler — Dance Works	Ruby Miller
Debra Watkins — Detroit Metro	Zina Mitrova
Debra Watkins — Detroit Metro	Zina Mitrova
Thad All-Around — Oregon	Debra Masters
Shari Newell — LA Lights	Alla Ibratova
Debra Watkins — LA Lights	Alla Ibratova



Three event winners
Lydia Crabtree (above)
and all-around winner
Sue Soltz (left).

**MPS NATIONALS
UNIVERSITY OF TULSA
Tulsa, Oklahoma
June 4-6, 1991**

SENIOR ALL-AROUND

Sue Soltz	38.00
Lydia Crabtree	36.00
Valerie Zimring	35.75
Michelle Senzue	35.75
Wendy Hubbard	35.15
Sarah Woodley	34.55
Amy Schatz	33.50
Nancy Nussli	33.50
Karen Lyon	33.25
Ruby Zolotarev	32.50
Jennifer Gough	32.50
Ruth Howell	Passion

SENIOR ROPE

Lydia Crabtree	18.50
Valerie Zimring	18.50
Sue Soltz	18.00

SENIOR HOOP

Lydia Crabtree	18.50
Valerie Zimring	18.50
Sue Soltz	18.10

SENIOR CLUBS

Sue Soltz	16.25
Lydia Crabtree	17.75
Karen Lyon	17.45

SENIOR Pommel

Lydia Crabtree	18.70
Sue Soltz	15.55
Valerie Zimring	16.50

JUNIOR ALL-AROUND

Stacy Overair	34.75
Lisa Anderson	32.00
Holly Eklman	32.45
Ursula Watkins	31.95
Dana Wilson	31.50
Beth Brudwick	30.85
Joyce Mahon	30.55

JUNIOR ROPE

Lisa Anderson	17.30
Stacy Overair	16.85
Holly Eklman	16.70

JUNIOR HOOP

Stacy Overair	17.45
Lisa Anderson	17.00
Beth Brudwick	15.80

JUNIOR CLUBS

Stacy Overair	16.85
Holly Eklman	16.45
Lisa Anderson	15.45

JUNIOR Pommel

Stacy Overair	17.40
Lisa Anderson	17.30
Ursula Watkins	16.25

The Los Angeles Light won the Team Group Pommel with Dana Mero Group Team Second

**1981 AIAW DIVISION I NATIONALS
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**



AIAW Championships member Lisa Stark from the University of Pittsburgh, at right Utah's Dawn Ableson.



From crowd member Dawn Stark's 1980 All-around and Utah's Dawn Ableson.



University of Utah cheer their team victory stand in front of their home crowd here.



UCLA's Sharon Shapiro won the AAUW all-around title for the second year in a row (1984, '85) while adding the scores. UCLA's coach Jerry Thompson begs Sharon after another fine performance.

USGF GYMNASTICS

1985 AAUW DIVISION I NATIONALS
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
April 13-14, 1985

TEAM SCORES

1	University of Utah	345.60
2	UCLA	344.10
3	Cal State - Fullerton	341.05
4	Penn State University	340.80
5	Arizona State University	340.80
6	University of Florida	340.35
7	Oregon State University	340.15
8	Oklahoma State University	338.45
9	University of Southern California	337.00
10	Brigham Young University	336.80
11	Louisiana State University	335.45
12	University of Pittsburgh	335.40
13	University of Louisville	334.80
14	Utah State University	332.75
15	Ohio State University	332.00
16	University of Missouri	330.00

ALL AROUND COMPETITION

1	Sharon Shapiro (UCLA)	37.20
2	Lisa Stark (U of Pittsburgh)	36.85
3	Glenn Doves (UCLA)	36.55
4	Megan McCurnell (U of Utah)	36.45
5	Lynn McDonald (U of Florida)	36.35
6	Linda Karlos (U of Utah)	36.30
7	Mary Ayotte (Oregon State U)	36.25
8	Jeri Cameron (Arizona State U)	36.20
9	Heidi Anderson (Penn State U)	36.20
10	Nancy Jones (Cal State-Fullerton)	36.00

FINALS COMPETITION

Vault

1	Sharon Shapiro (UCLA)	18.875
2	Kevin McInry (Oklahoma State)	18.875
3	Kathy McInry (University of Georgia)	18.800
4	Leona Harpagon (Fullerton)	18.625
5	Jeri Cameron (Arizona State)	18.400
6	Glenn Doves (UCLA)	18.350
7	Linda Karlos (U of Utah)	18.300
8	Lynn McDonald (U of Florida)	18.275

Bars

1	Glenn Doves (UCLA)	19.800
2	Jeri Cameron (Arizona State)	19.800
3	Glenn Ellington (U of Utah)	19.800
4	Lisa Stark (U of Pittsburgh)	19.575
5	Karen Martins (Fullerton)	19.250
6	Linda Ludwig (San Diego State U)	19.250
7	Shirley Webb (Arizona State U)	19.250
8	Julie Gowerly (Fullerton)	19.250

Beam

1	Laurie Carter (Oregon State U)	18.800
2	Lynn McDonald	18.450
3	Megan McCurnell (U of Utah)	18.350
4	Mary Ayotte (Oregon State U)	18.300
5	Linda Karlos (U of Utah)	18.250
6	Jeri Shiley (Brigham Young U)	18.200
7	Sharon Shapiro	17.850
8	Sharon Calhoun (U of Utah)	17.200

Floor

1	Heidi Anderson (Penn State U)	19.850
2	Lisa Stark (U of Pittsburgh)	19.800
3	Duffy Patterson (USC)	19.500
4	Glenn Doves (UCLA)	19.500
5	Heidi Webb (U of Utah)	19.300
6	Sharon Shapiro (UCLA)	19.200
7	Megan McCurnell (U of Utah)	19.100
8	Mary Ayotte (Oregon State U)	17.700

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, TUCSON, ARIZONA

May 1 - 3, 1981

UNITED STATES ELITE COACHES ASSOCIATION
FIRST TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
McKALE CENTER — TUCSON, AZ
May 2, 1981 8:00 p.m.

By Jim Gorch
Chairman, USCEA

The first USCEA National Team Championships was conducted May 1-3 at the beautiful McKale Center on the campus of the University of Arizona. 18 member teams participated with over 10 gymnasts in attendance. Friday's competition was divided into two sessions by an open draw. After Friday's results were tabulated the top 8 teams were placed in Division I for Saturday's evening competition. The 7 lower scoring teams were placed in Division II for a separate team competition on Saturday afternoon. Thus, every team was able to compete and receive a team award in their respective divisions and each competing gymnast received a specially designed USCEA National Championship medal.

The all-around team competition was marked by many excellently performed routines. It is difficult to remember when so many gymnasts "let" so many good routines in two days of optional competition. Successful double back on floor, handspring front and layout back salto, Stinklers and giant swings, multiple tumbling skills with some somersaults and double twists off beam, are now common occurrences in all scored level routines. It was thrilling to be a part of the continuing evolution of the American sport as aptly portrayed at the USCEA National Team Championships.

The highlight of the entire competition was, without question, the presentation of this country's first national group routine championships. Each team, at the conclusion of Saturday's session, performed their own unique and original compositions, combining dance, tumbling, and a variety of unusual acrobatics with special props, costumes, music, etc. All 8 judges participated in scoring the routines on the following scale: Content: Music — 1, Originality — 1.0, Combination & difficulty — 2.5, Execution — 4.0, Presentation — 3.0.

The top three teams from the afternoon session went into the finals joining the 8 teams from Division I. The presentation finals were held immediately following the all-around team competition on Saturday evening. A thrilling performance by the National Academy of Artistic Gymnastics brought an unbelievable total of 8 perfect scores from the judges and a standing ovation from the very appreciative audience.

Linda Metheux excelled herself in designing a dance/tumbling "group dance" routine in 11 colorful costumes, 15 minutes and 45 seconds. The Academy gymnasts worked with precision, poise and obvious enjoyment to the delight of those fortunate enough to be there. "Superman" was the theme for the 2nd place performance by the Dallas Gymnastics Club with their "bad girl" family having all in the super hero. The gymnast styled Romanian costume and Laura Villalaz's unique story-line dramatically combined for an exciting routine. Only 4 of a point behind 2nd place was the team from the Gymnastics Olympics. Their all-black costumes with white fringe down the side certainly added to the precise dance routine excellently choreographed by Tamara Bortz.

The National Academy, sparked by the 38.50 all-around performance of Tracee Tolman, easily won the gymnastics team championship with an impressive total of 168.93. With four members of their team scoring 37.50 or better (McMannan — 37.50, Goldsmith — 37.45, Murdin — 36.90 they outdistanced the 2nd place Parkettes by 3.04 points. The Parkettes, led by Gina Skellern's 37.45 nailed down 2nd at 165.89. 3rd place went to Niagara Frontier with 161.30 and 4th to the MG Gymnastics Club with a total of 160.93. These top 4 teams averaged 9.00 or better for their top 4 scores in each event. The next 4 teams averaged 8.75 or better which means there was some very high level gymnastics in this competition.

This event will be conducted again next year at approximately the same time and again hosted at the University of Arizona. Our thanks and appreciation to the administrative staff of the U of A's Woman's Intercollegiate Athletic Department, to Nissan Corporation for furnishing the equipment, and to the coaches, gymnasts, and judges whose cooperation and generosity made this event a most pleasant and memorable experience.

DIVISION I FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

1	Natl. Academy of Artistic Gymnastics	168.93
2	Parkettes	165.89
3	Niagara Frontier	161.30
4	MG Gymnastics Club	160.93
5	Dallas Gym. Center	158.70
6	Mar'la Team	158.20
7	Engels	155.93
8	Academy	155.00

ALL-AROUND

1	Tracee Tolman (Natl. Academy)	38.50
2	Juliana McKinnan (Natl. Academy)	37.50
3	Gina Skellern (Parkettes)	37.45
4	Randy Goldsmith (Natl. Academy)	37.45
5	Joan Miller (MG Gymnastics Club)	37.40
6	Karen RyMulla (Dallas Gym. Club)	37.30

GROUP EXHIBITION ROUTINES*

1	Natl. Academy	50.00
2	Dallas Gym. Club	49.00
3	Dallas Gym. Club	48.00
4	Gymnastics Olympics	48.00
5	Academy	46.70
6	Parkettes	46.00
7	Niagara Frontier	45.70
8	Engels	45.00
9	The Gymnastics Co.	41.00
10	MG Artistic Tumbler	39.20
11	MG Gymnastics Club	41.70
12	Mar'la Team	44.00

*Top three teams from afternoon session

*Scores do not count toward team standings.

DIVISION II TEAM STANDINGS

1	MG-Artistic Tumbler	175.55
2	Gymnastics Olympics	170.50
3	Greiner Omaha Gym. Club	172.00
4	The Gymnastics Co.	168.15
5	Gymnast	167.50
6	Academy Tumbler	165.25
7	Arden Valley	162.00

ALL-AROUND

1	Amy Koopman (MG-Artistic Tumbler)	37.50
2	Lynn Leister (The Omaha Gym. Club)	36.40
3	Maria Phillips (The Gymnastics Co.)	36.30
4	Carly Harnish (The Omaha Gym. Club)	36.30
5	Betsy Jacobs (MG-Artistic)	36.30
6	Lillian Myllyoja (Academy Tumbler)	35.40

GROUP EXHIBITION ROUTINES*

1	Gymnastics Olympics	55.00
2	The Gymnastics Co.	50.10
3	MG-Artistic Tumbler	48.20
4	Academy Tumbler	46.60
5	Gymnast	44.00
6	Arden Valley	43.50
7	Greiner Omaha Gym. Club	42.00

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INTERNATIONAL GERMAN CUP
in Wiesbaden & Ingolheim, West Germany
May 30 - 31, 1991



by Abbe Greenfield

The first International German Tennis Association Cup in Artistic Gymnastics was in Wiesbaden (the all-around and team) on Saturday, and in Ingolheim (the event finals) on Sunday. Each nation brought three gymnasts and all their scores were totaled for a team score. The United States group consisted of gymnasts Mandy Gaylord, Scott Johnson and Peter Vidmar, coach Alan Landfield and judge Fred Murayama.

Men's countries took part in the competition. The hosts, West Germany, took the liberty of entering two teams — "A" and "B." The countries were divided into two groups. The first group consisted of Italy, Yugoslavia, Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Austria, Luxembourg, Greece and Germany "B" and started competing at 8:30 p.m. The second group, consisting of the stronger teams, included the USA, Germany "A," Hungary, Romania, France, Bulgaria, Spain and Norway, started at 9 p.m. Germany "A" was paired with us, which facilitated comparing their performances with ours. Approximately 2,000 spectators watched the competition which was nationally televised.

COMPETITIVE PERFORMANCES: The first days and the final scores were totaled to determine the event champions.



Scott Johnson from Technica performed well in his first international competition.

FLOOR EXERCISE: Due to a rather hard and awkward start and Scott chose not to do a full twisting double opening. Scott also had a discolored pinkie bruise by his goat toe which he had received while waiting up for visiting. Scott and Peter opened up with excellent double pikes while all three of our gymnasts finished with good double tucks. Mandy had opened with a front somer step out, moonoff flip flip

double back. We received the three highest scores the first day. Scott stuck, particularly well, both his doubles. Due to his foot injury, Scott was forced to scratch from final which prevented Mink to compete in final. (Only two gymnasts from any one country were permitted in final.)

Since the final were on a spring floor, Mink did his usual tumbling pikes. In a full on, front somer to double back, as if whip back if double twist and so if double back somer — 9.95 placed second.

Peter performed more flexibly than all others for a 9.7 and won. Both gymnasts in final consisted very well. Mandy opened with a triple twist, came back with a double back and ended with a double twist for a 9.6. Mandy opened with a moonoff full in double, came back with a triple twist and closed with a so if double back back (box touched in final) and his conclusion were sloppy — 9.95.

The first day for all-around and team, Germany handicapped by a relatively new still inside, opened with a low and water rotated double twist. He received a high score of 9.2. In Germany's behalf, only his experience enabled him to save the landing.

Widder, Germany opened with a good full in double but on his double twist front full back on his mid and ended with his back out of the air. With a minimum deduction of 6, his 9.25 seemed perfect.

POMMEL HORSE: Scott hit very well for a 9.95. Mandy was off balance on the middle of his routine which caused him to finish the horse, thus he broke form on a couple of movements. On the positive side, Mandy fought real well and kept the routine going to average a 9.65. Peter performed his difficult routine well and the last reverse Mager with sequence. Being off balance on the outward pointed loop behind the work, Peter impressed well and did a front in immediate back stretch front back dismount — 9.6.

The German team hit real well with Widder being the closest but event number of three back — 9.6. Genger was a little off the first day not definitely but on off balance causing brushes and slight knee bend in final. His scores were suffered at 9.85 and 9.8 respectively.

Genger, the current European Champion, received 9.9 both days and was paired home. One day of his final routine was rough — few brushes — so 9.9 was high. However, they had given 9.8 to Genger who was not as good. Besides Hungary, his clean and enough difficulty to warrant the highest score, but he too got a 9.8. Priester, Norway, hit the element routine of all finalists and with his one up-side sequence should have been ahead of Genger in final — 9.8.

Genger starts off with a side covering upside to two other up-side movements and ends up with a Mager with. Obviously, he has excellent difficulty, but his swing does not quite have the amplitude of Mager's or the Chinese gymnast, Li Xiaoping, who won the Chardoff Cup last December.

The French gymnasts, Del and Garza, were excellent on horse. Both featured Mager with plus up behind the back work.

RINGS: All our gymnasts held their strength parts, good work, coaches.

Johnson was the, else of the men on rings. Scott's locked arm free swings to handstands. His superior power and strength and his very strong full twisting double elements witnessed his superiority. Scott received 9.95 both days. The superior judge later indicated that Scott was truly a world class performer on rings and that he had given him 9.5.

Vidmar did an expected good routine in final and should have clearly taken second. Peter's handstands were stiffer. His hold part was longer and his dismount was more severe than Genger's. Peter was named 9.7 and Genger 9.6 in final (too high). Gaylord's routine contained both a well held pike and cross. He did not seem to be fully adjusted to the rings and unfortunately, one of his handstands was quite short. Otherwise his routine was very good — 9.5.

Genger worked good rings but his cross out of his whipper (flamant) while executed well was short. His strength hold and press were definitely the best of the Germans — even though his hollow backpress was a bit of a struggle of the handstand — 9.7. His handstands were considerably shakier and his cross shorter in final — 9.6.

Widder swung nicely but his cross in very high and short and his press is really a so long to handstand — 9.95. Genger also swings well but his hold was very short and the press was paused fairly piked so a handstand. He received two gymnasts 9.75.

Gomtsch, a finalist in Montreal and Stockholm and the first to use a double-revolving double back off stage did the same difficult routine. It included a whopper to straight arms swing horizontal straight arms back step to horizontal, a free back roll horizontal (a 4 1/2 free back) and a piked-revolving double dismount. His straight part was about 40 minutes.

Reckman, Rannells, swing well and settled in his crowd and 4, but his handstands are not secure — they are short and concentrated.

VALTIUNEN: Scott did a good job on Valtunnen for a 9.55. He went off to the side a little. Valtun did an open neutral full twisting back the first day for a 9.75. In the final he excellently performed back a piked full twisting back and a handstand tucked from 1/2 twist stand — his first in competition. Much placed second in vaulting. Peter did his usual excellent handstand piked front stand (9.85 in final) and a good tucked full twisting back — his first all-competition. Peter placed first — 4.25 ahead of Much. Both apparently did the best marks in the event.

Wagner did a handstand full twist for a 9.45. Winkler did a good piked full twisting back.

PARALLEL BARS: Scott performed an excellent 1 1/2 straddled front arm hand-stand into dip swing forward to knee bar, 1 arm bar raised a grip and roll through the bars. He concentrated with the knee bar and concluded an otherwise well executed routine. He was most critically judged at 8.75.

Mitch showed a back stand catch to a forward dip swing in reverse straddle and a well straddled punch press to horizontal. He was critically judged at 8.45.

Peter's performance was extra perfect finishing a Dismount with an extra 1/2 arm. A protest changed 9.65 to 9.75. Later the superior judge informed me that he had given Peter 9.8.

Gingerer's very well bar was not in position at Peter. Gingerer accepted a 9.85. A point of note: Gingerer was declared in the recent European Championships for not having an underbar "C" in the final. A protest decided to give him the credit for his first catch in front stand catch combination. It was then given "C" credit to these final.

Copps, Rannells, performed a unique combination: A back shoulder roll with a 1/2 turn (turn around on upper part of back on one bar) immediately back up into 1/2 turn into front stand catch.

HORIZONTAL BAR: Scott performed very well but lacked the "top rail" part — 9.4. Peter missed his straddled front catch (Gingerer) but otherwise performed very well — 9.1. This setback eventually proved to cost him the all-around title.

Much performed his routine excellently, which contained his unique 1 1/2 front arm over the bar catch (Gayford) and was given a 9.7. After a protest his score was raised to a 9.8. Much's routine also featured a change on about top to undergrip immediate swing through to horizontal and a high vertical full twisting double flip away in the final. Much performed well and scored a 9.85 to win. He scored a 9.85.

Wagner, one of the truly great high bar performers and former world champion and current European Champion in it of a world, had received a well deserved 9.9 just prior to 1978. The previous day Gingerer had had about a 3 mishap; but his routine was so spectacular that on one questioned the 9.7. His routine "With sweeping swing on horizontal top to undergrip, one front grip, back stand, one front grip, forward full (jumping) to delicate grip one arm high, back with delicate grip and flip to other arm and front pascette (opposite normal direction), one back grip, flip full turn over bar and catch into one arm back giant catch; then two arm giant to flyover 1/2 twist catch (Gingerer) flip change into front grip, swing through to horizontal top front pascette, front under stand, front full to double flip over.

Reckman, Hungary, a finalist in Montreal and there last year on one arm, a One arm to undergrip from overbars, a Takeover to a straddle walk to bars and one other similar turn.

Georgy, Hungary, won both a front stand catch and a flyover 1/2 twist catch. Winkler did a front stand full twist catch in final. To my knowledge this was the first time it was performed in competition. He also used a front giant catch. The rest sort of goes around the table that was well appreciated by all.

CONCLUDING STATEMENTS: The Germans and the Hungarians had their best three gymnasts and both had on excellent competition, especially the Germans. Our gymnasts had four faults that cost a lot of two points. Thus the Germans beat us by 1.6 and took 1, 2 and 4 in all around, while we took 4, 4 and 9. Viktor scored 57.55 to Giergers 57.75. Gayford was at 57.00 and Johnson scored 56.50. Now for a big 8. If Peter had not taken off high bar on his jumper he would have won the all around.

At finishing the competition, the host city and organizers were the 1974 German Olympic gymnastics team which included the 1974 Olympic

all around champion, Alfred Schroetmann. Schroetmann was the first to perform the first big horizontal top in undergrip immediate swing through about 15 turn to horizontal (1/2 Takeover) which he did in the 1942 Olympic Games and won the silver medal when he was 40 years old. He also is credited with upgrading the foot dismount from high bar. It was a pleasure talking with Alfred Schroetmann and having him tell me how much he enjoyed working our gymnasts. Helmut Konec also a former Olympic champion, told us that we were most attentive and wonderful. Our gymnast performances were really appreciated as indicated by the expression of some very knowledgeable people.

With a maximum of two gymnasts from any one country permitted in final, the dismount was shown by winning 3 out of 4 events along with 3 second. Viktor was front catcher and vaulting with the low back placing second in both these events. Johnson was the high bar with Viktor placing second. Viktor was his third event parallel bars and finished with high bar. The accomplishments of our young gymnasts would have done any of us proud. After final the Germans were disappointed that their clean swinging and elite performances were passed given in German newspapers for 20 new, small world stars.

Tim Meyerholz was a helpful and did a tremendous job before the competition. The meet director did not have Ted listed as a superior judge. Ted feeling that he would have a positive impact as a superior judge needed himself? — but he was superior judge in vaulting the first day and was superior judge in both back exercises and vaulting a final.

It seems that we are still open a new realm of possibilities on high bar and will undoubtedly be a success for future top high bar performances. In order to facilitate a more secure grip for our own high bar, it will have to be used to start learning how to work with the double. A key concern is to not get the handgrip caught on the bar. A properly fitting grip with not too large a throat and constant tension on the grip, might tend to allow the grip to become slick, almost help facilitate the grip getting caught.

In closing, the competition and extra activities were well organized and supervised. The experience was most productive and beneficial.

GOLDEN SANDS INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC COMPETITION Varna, Bulgaria June 5, 6, 1981



By Sandy Thiele, USA Judge

The USA delegation composed of gymnasts Tracee Talavera and Julianne McMenamy, Marc Mizoguchi and myself left on June 1 for Varna, Bulgaria to take part in the XI Golden Sands Gymnastics Meet. Our hotel was in the resort area known as the "Golden Sands." The weather was warm and sunny; the country and the sea were beautiful.

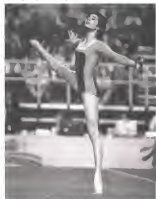
On Thursday morning, June 4, we traveled to the competition site in trains. The competition floor was small, with all Russian equipment, and very little spring capacity. Our weights were unusually light. Tracee and Julianne looked sharp and ready to compete.

I was head judge in the vault. In vault performances there were 14 handgrip front back vaults performed. The last one being Tracee's flyover bar vault, a 4.80. Other vaults performed were 10 front, 10 back, 10 front back vaults, 10 Takeover, 10 front, 20 Takeover, 40 front, 40 back, 2 handgrip front back with 1/2 twist (McMenamy and Talavera from the USA), 1 handgrip front side with 1/2 twist (McMenamy — USA), 1 handgrip, 1 symmetrical, and a full on full off. The only symmetrical vault was McMenamy from Bulgaria who performed a good handgrip 1/2 turn back with and received a 5.80 average. This was a good vault with a slight landing problem and a little directional error. In general the Bulgarians and the Americans were the best vaulters and showed the most flight and dynamism. There was 8 1/2 ft in the vault. The only gymnast in the preliminary competition to perform two different vaults were Julianne and Tracee. Julianne did on her second vault handgrip front side with 1/2 twist, but she and Tracee executed excellent first vaults.

The top six all-around places were awarded to all Bulgarian gymnasts. Tracee placed fifth with a 38.45 while Julianne did for 37th with a 37.14.

Because Tracee and Julianne were scheduled to compete on vault final, Julianne on the bar final, Tracee in beam final, and both Tracee and Julianne in floor final, I was not allowed to judge due

in using central judges. We watched Japanese from vault finals because her vault was bothering her and we felt her chances for winning a gold medal in floor exercises were greater than in the vault. Tracie performed very good vaults and received a 9.00 and an 8.90 putting her in 5th place.



Tracie Vallarino (above) tied with her teammate, Julianna McNamara for a silver medal on floor.

The Spanish gymnast and the Soviet gymnast both received deductions for performing "B" vaults in the Finals. These vaults were Takahara piked and a handspring full twist. In general, vaulting was adequate, certainly not spectacular, with very few unusual or innovative vaults. In preliminary bar competition the Americans were the first two gymnasts to compete. This held true again for finals for Julianna. She was the second gymnast to compete and her score flubbed as a 9.75. We noticed later however, that it had been changed to 9.80. Her routine was flawless with great swing and the most interesting routine with excellent technique. It was by far and away the best executed routine of the entire competition. Everyone, including the crowd, other coaches, judges, and gymnasts felt that Julianna deserved the gold medal. She placed second due to a 9.80 which carried over from preliminary. Julianna made quite an impression on everyone connected with the competition. I felt this was good exposure for her prior to the World Championships in November.

There were five good routines in finals on bars. The German gymnast performed a side circle 1/2 twist and a back full into dismount, however she executed poor circle and very poor legs. The Korean gymnast showed stock routine with poor leg technique, while Stepan (USSR) did as her front salto the high bar. She did perform a clear tap handstand with a full turn after the handstand. Marvanna (Belarus), the winner of the gold medal, performed a Kirsch and a back full into dismount. Her circle and stickler circles were with bent arms and an arched body. We found it difficult to believe she scored higher than Julianna.

Tracie represented the USA in beam finals with a good routine. She performed an excellent mount (double leg circle), but "Thomas Flair" was also good. She had a small balance problem on the aerial cartwheel, but recovered well and went on to perform her three back handsprings in a row. Tracie received a 9.50 and placed third. I had the privilege of awarding the medal to the beam winner and it was a marvelous pleasure to place the medal around Tracie's neck! A job well done!

On beam there were only a few unusual elements performed. Daria (Hungary) performed a Diamandov, Stepan (USSR) did a

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round off to a full twist layout on the beam, and Topolova (Bulgaria) executed a one arm flip flop. There were five falls during the beam final, three of them falls by Maria of Spain. She was the one first and the most grieved in the event (approximately 200") and became everyone's favorite.



Julkarna received an award for the most original floor exercise composition, an award well deserved!! She made her double pike back, but front through to the double full and her double full at the end. The crowd loved Julkarna's routine and she received a 9.75 with one judge awarding her a 10.0.

During the floor exercise final we saw many styles of performances, none which compared to the USA. After the competition, Julkarna received an award for the most original floor exercise composition, an award well deserved. Every routine was performed to orchestrated music, many using American music. Bartashova from Czechoslovakia performed a double back back four in her routine, but did so front tuckling. Stanki (GER) did her routine to "West Side Story" and executed a double pike back, a double full jump with a double turn, a twist lay leap to a split which was slightly low and finished with a side roll. Julkarna showed great vaulting with excellent composition. She made her double pike back (the girls thought the Heather spring floor was very hard), her front through to the double full, and her double full at the end. The crowd loved Julkarna's routine and she received a 9.75 with one judge awarding her a 10.0. A triple full, the only one of the meet, was performed by Gontcharova of Bulgaria who executed a double back split. Traneva's routine, however, was the routine everyone will remember. She completed her double back split, but her front split through to a full twist and double back at the end of the exercise was a little low. The judges awarded her a 9.60 average with one judge scoring a 9.9. The scores were in range, however the meet referee walked upward and began to tell the judges that Traneva was missing an element and her score was too high. At this point, Miss and Ulf began to explain to her that the scores were in range and that she was indeed not missing an element. This "discussion" lasted for about five minutes which angered the crowd who seemed to be in favor of the 9.60. Eventually the score stayed at a 9.60 average and Traneva and Julkarna tied for second place in their exercise.

We experienced beautiful weather in Varna and enjoyed our two days at the beach. On Sunday the Bulgarian Federation invited us to their closing banquet. The USA was well represented by our gymnasts who did an excellent job. I was proud to be a part of this delegation and would like to thank the USGF for such a fine opportunity.

RESULTS GOLDEN BARS INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC COMPETITION Varna, Bulgaria June 11-13, 1981

ALL AROUND

1	Martova	BUL	38.00
2	Topolova	BUL	36.30
3	Trifirovich	USA	35.60
4	Winkhoff	BUL	33.40
5	Chernova	BUL	33.30
6	Gontcharova	BUL	33.30
7	Mikhaylova	USA	32.10
7	Stina	USSR	32.10
9	Talavera	USA	28.00
10	Narova	ESP	28.70

YALT	Coun-ty	Prote-Inst	Final Score	Total
1	Martova	BUL	9.65	38.00
2	Dambova	BUL	9.00	36.30
3	Vladova	ROM	9.40	35.60
4	Toruai Jong Si	ROM	9.00	35.40
5	Talavera	USA	9.20	33.30
6	Martova	ROM	9.20	33.30

LOWER BAR

1	Martova	BUL	9.60	14.30
2	Mikhaylova	USA	9.20	13.10
3	Topolova	BUL	9.50	14.00
4	Winkhoff	GER	9.20	13.00
5	Toruai Mi Heng	ROM	9.10	13.40
6	Toruai Jong Si	ROM	9.20	13.20

BEAM

1	Topolova	BUL	9.75	19.40
2	Martova	BUL	9.70	19.30
3	Traneva	USA	9.30	18.60
4	Winkhoff	ESP	9.30	18.70
5	Stina	USSR	9.10	18.90
6	Stina	GER	9.20	18.40

FLOOR EXERCISE

1	Gontcharova	BUL	9.75	19.80
2	Mikhaylova	USA	9.70	19.50
2	Talavera	USA	9.70	19.50
4	Stina	USSR	9.60	19.30
5	Martova	BUL	9.60	19.10
6	Mikhaylova	ROM	9.40	18.80
7	Winkhoff	GER	9.40	18.90

FRANCE — JUNE 13 - 17, 1981

ARTISTES — OLYMPIA GYMNASTIC COMPETITIONS
USA Gymnast: Sheri Means won Silver Spring, Maryland
USA Coach: Greg Wilcox

Delegation Leader and Judge: Sharon Wright
Participating Nations: Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Great Britain, Hungary, Norway, Poland, China, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, USSR, France, and USA.

Results for USA Sheri Means won 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze

General Impression: Artists — The finishing job at most one was very warm and friendly. The gym was small, a little too large than a basketball court, extremely hot. Competitors started at 9:00 and the temperature was at least 90 degrees. Warm up time was more than adequate. Opening ceremonies were without even exception. Award presentations were very impressive. People at the meet seemed to be looking for good performances from the American. In final, Sheri got the only standing ovation of the meet — 5.55 on beam. Her crowd was very supportive in USA.

Comments — The warm up after the second meet was also a crowd job. The hall was closed. Performances improved, but standing ovation seemed to die. The competitors were much more into it, in the end in another opening ceremonies were quite impressive but the crowd didn't seem nearly as friendly by this time. The people had written quite a bit about



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Shen, and many came to see Bob, Pilates, and Wu Wen Li. In Seattle, many Americans in the days just before of them and had come to spar here on the final crowd seemed like a gas station crowd.

Observations: Another — The Chinese Girls Wu Wen Li and Zhou Xiangrong were short and round and looked like they were nice or so. In warm-ups after about twenty seconds of walking up and down the beam Wu Wen Li did a second off double back, plus, dominant, nailed. Both Chinese girls spent about fifteen minutes warming up beam. Their skills included round off back on beam, back dive to handstand, straddle down, round off full twisting back somersault on the beam, full as double back dismount. Three and finished full twist skills were warmed up to fifteen minutes. The full on the beam was hit about 50% of the time. The full in dismount was nailed every time by Wu Wen Li.

On FX, the Co girl, Labaree, warmed up double back pike (first pass), triple front (second pass) double back tuck (third pass) on the floor. She also double back pikes off the beam, but not as easily as Wu Wen Li.

The Polish girl, Agnieszka, did a back full back off her vault. She at 9.5 and weight about 110-115 pounds.

Everyone seemed to have trouble with the bar grip. Wu Wen Li slipped off on a straddle second pass. The Chinese did very little warm-up on beam. Most girls took light warm-ups. The Russians, French, Russians were to arrive here last day, June 11.

On the morning of the next, June 12, Carmen of Russia and Pilates worked out again individually. Carmen did a round off full on the vault higher than Wu Wen Li's, but put on a somersault. Carmen also did full in double back on floor. Pilates warmed up light on floor, no double back, spent a lot of time on beam on big skills, and did several of back tuck and full pike on beam. Then worked hand. Hanes all other exercises and worked out very lightly.

Japanese Men's Results —

Vault

Labaree (Co)	back full	9.7	Crooked going on, almost in air, a lot short, arms down, high open position, almost straight
Carmen (USA)	back full	9.6	
Mami (USA)	back full	9.4	a lot short and close in time
Wu Wen Li (Co)	back full, back	9.4	a lot short and close in time
Zhou Xiangrong (Ch)	layout back	9.3	stable a little, not high
Pilates (USA)	pike full	9.1-9.2	really low, short
Gale (Ch)	layout back	9.0	good layout
Agnieszka (Pol)	layout back	9.0	
Broce (Brazil)	pike full	8.7	pretty high
Somerville (Pol)	layout back	8.5	legs apart, short

Bars

In this section I will list the outstanding skills in each of the routines.

Pilates	9.5	Giant bag stomach over top, switch
Labaree	9.5	Back straddle to a handstand, Corners dismount, low
Zhou Xiangrong	9.4	Arctic giant, a nailed double flyaway
Mami	9.1	Calm free hip, toe-on hollow
Agnieszka	8.6	Whip back full, back full, a set also not out of it
Wu Wen Li	7.9	Soft straddle on low bar, glides on high bar, slipped off on straddle on high bar

Beam

In this section I will list number of hits and any unusual sequences.

Zhou Xiangrong	9.5	Double back pike off, hit cold
Pilates	9.45	From the pike, front aerial mount to back layout step out, full layout dismount, hit cold
Mami	9.1	Tight double full dismount, hit
Labaree	9.0	1 hit
Carmen	9.0	3 hits FF layout, step-out double back dismount, completed
Wu Wen Li	8.9	Missed round-off full on beam, 2nd double back pike to hit seat
Storcer (Hong)	7.9	3 hits
Gale	9.0	2 hits

FLOOR EXERCISE

Labaree	9.7	split front, double back pike double back full
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Pilates	9.7	double back pike full full week back pass — full floor should have been on it hit
Mami	9.6	nailed double back back, almost step-out in double full, hit pass — double full hit right
Wu Wen Li	9.6	fuller entry, hit on step-out to double full hit pass — double back full
Zhou Xiangrong	9.4	double back full full, double back, plus
Storcer	9.3	double back full, low whip back pass on a tuck single and a pike single
Carmen	9.3	double back full, 2 and 1/2 twist
Gale	9.2	double back to hit stomach

Observations during warm-ups and final in Orleans — In Orleans most attention was much lighter because of gymnasts' reactions. The French added two new gymnasts, who were generally stronger than those in Antilles. Labaree warmed up a low three bars, pike to a reverse back going toward the low bar. She caught roughly 20% of them. She modified her floor and warmed up with round off whip back, whip back double full. Wu Wen Li added an undergrip front with a 1/2 twist dismount, which she made one out of ten times — on the next. All other routines were similar to those in Antilles. Though the three mentioned warm-ups suggested Labaree would use her reverse back, she didn't use it in the finals. One of the few changes in the event was Pilates's flip flop flip flop double full off beam, which she had in those in warm-ups at all. Comments on all events and final were not surprisingly good, considering how tired the gymnasts were. They all came up for the next.

Chinese Men's Results —

Vault

Labaree (Co)	back full	9.7	both good vaults, layout back
Mami (USA)	layout back	9.6	hit a 100
	back full off	9.5	
	1 1/2 on 1/2 off	9.45	
Hanes (Canada)	back full off	9.4	low full off
	pike full	9.35	Forward split out
Wu Wen Li (Co)	layout back	7.75	Small step on each
	back full	8.9	
Mami (USA)	layout back	8.65	hit steps on both vaults
	handspring full	8.3	
Pilates (USA)	pike full	7.85	Hands down, feet apart, hit.
	handspring back	8.6	
Zhou Xiangrong (Ch)	handspring full	7.75	
	layout back	7.8	low

Bars

Mami	9.85	Hit cold, straddle drop handstand, free hip to dismount, over-top back full off high, nailed
Zhou Xiangrong	9.65	Hit the routine, stuck bar double
Labaree	9.5	Hit dismount, low Corners dismount
Pilates	9.3	Hit dismount to a bar, low Corners over the low bar dismount
Somerville	9.35	Hit the routine, but form breaks in spots

Beam

Wu Wen Li	9.5	Hit, flying off full on beam, full in dismount, came easily
Mami	9.4	Hit
Labaree	9.1	Backstraddle back, 1/2, round-off double back dismount, hit top forward
Pilates	8.9	Missed front aerial mount, back full on 1/2 back layout, okay, 1/2 double full of dismount loose

FLOOR EXERCISE

Wu Wen Li	9.8	Full in, 1 hit through to double full, third pass double back pike nailed
Labaree	9.7	Round-off into back, 1 whip back double full, double full double back dismount
Pilates	9.65	Free routine, double back pike, alternate full, a loose double full at the end
Mami	9.65	Stepped out on double back, hit full
Storcer	9.15	Double back full, low whip back, 1 back whip back 1 layout, step out
Zhou Xiangrong	9.0	Hit on double back, back layout full, double back pike, stuck in front pass

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Men's EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1981

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On May 25 and 26 the best male gymnasts in Europe met in Rome, Italy for the 1981 European Championships. The Soviet team of Nikolai Kozlov, and Tashchuk dominated the competition by taking first through third place in the all around and winning several events. The competition took place in the Palazzo dello Sport which is one of the most impressive sports facilities anywhere.



Tashchuk dominated the competition by winning the all around and several events.

The competition consisted of three gymnasts per country and one alternate. There are no reserve scores. The performances were excellent. Some of the highlights of the competition included Kozlov's (USSR) triple fly over the rings and his double layout somersault, mount as first exercise. The winner of pommel horse was George Chiriac of Hungary, and to be May's protégé. His pommel horse work is a sight to behold as he does squats on different parts of the horse and a May's travel. Vaulting was won by Bagdas Nalov (USSR) with a layout. Tashchuk with a full twist. Nalov also won the parallel bars with 19.75 and included a double girth somersault dismount. The horizontal bar was contested to a tie for first place with Tashchuk (USSR) and Ekhard Genger (DDR) sharing the medal. Both routines were excellent but Genger was the clear winner in my opinion. Genger's routine contains a clean to Chiriac's leg to scissor. Black Sheep, a full twisting flyover over the bar scissor with one bar to a one arm grip, and a full pommel horse one arm grip and leg out with a half turn. Score for each 19.50.

The European Championships are very highly prized by the European gymnasts and represent one of the premiere contests of the competitive year. Look for these gymnasts in the upcoming World Championships and the 1984 Olympic games, most assuredly they will be there.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS — MEN

Rome, Italy

May 25 - 26, 1981

	VE	PH	R	VE	FB	HS	Optional AA Total
1 Tashchuk Alex USSR	9.75	9.85	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.85	58.50
2 Kozlov Nik USSR	9.60	9.75	9.60	9.75	9.60	9.60	56.90

3 Mostaf Haghan USSR	9.45	9.60	9.75	9.60	9.60	9.75	56.20
4 Brucioni Richard USA	9.35	9.65	9.75	9.70	9.60	9.60	56.00
5 Hickey Michael USA	9.45	9.60	9.60	9.65	9.60	9.60	55.65
6 Gennady Gyogy HUN	9.40	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60	55.75
7 Genger Richard FRG	9.35	9.70	9.60	9.60	9.70	9.65	55.60
8 Hoffmann Lutz DDR	9.75	9.40	9.60	9.65	9.75	9.50	55.40
9 Genger Jürgen FRG	9.40	9.60	9.75	9.60	9.60	9.60	55.20
10 Brucioni Michael FRG	9.45	9.70	9.60	9.60	9.65	9.40	55.00

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1981

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The 1981 Women's European Championships took place on May 2nd and 3rd in Madrid, Spain. The competition proved to be an upset as the German Democratic Republic outperformed both the Soviet Union and the Romanian squad to dominate the competition.

Maria Gutsch of the German Democratic Republic was the victor in the all around with 39.25. The second place medal went to Gripenko of Romania and third to Mostaf of the USSR. The Soviet squad clearly fared as the contest surely appeared but its best was never seen in her routine during preliminary round and. While there was no let only waiting. Although they showed some very high caliber gymnastics they did not compete well and were forced down the progression ladder.

The German Democratic Republic squad had one fail on balance beam during the preliminary and otherwise went through the competition flawlessly. The Romanian team showed in Gripenko but it appears that without their coach, Bela Károlyi, they are lacking some leadership. The team consisted of Rukina Dora and Smolin Ekaterina. Although Dora did a very fine job Ekaterina looked weak and tired. She did not make finals on any event and was clearly struggling to get through training and competition.

The Czechoslovakian team along with Bulgaria showed some real progress as they have improved markedly over their performance in Fort Worth in 1979. Some of the highlights of the competition included full bar on floor exercises from Gripenko (Romania), Gutsch (DDR), and Topolova (Bulgaria). Vaulting saw some interesting variations of handspring half turn to back somersault and the layout. Tashchuk with a full twist from Topolova. Balance beam showed a few interesting problems as Gripenko was distracted severely for stopping too long before finishing elements and Smolin from the Soviet Union did a split leap to immediate greater back tuck by swinging the leading leg forward at landing. Unusually few if a Twister from a point swing by Mostaf (USSR) and Gutsch's beautiful technique as her Russian vault was not only high like a Varents vault.

No tie point scores were given and the judging was flatter than usual. Maria was flawless and clearly deserved the victory. There were no team scores high so a team winner was not announced but we should be aware that the Europeans are getting much better and we should work hard accordingly.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS — WOMEN

Madrid, Spain

May 2 - 3, 1981

	V	UB	BB	FX	Optional AA Total
1 Gutsch, Mari (DDR)	9.75	9.65	9.75	9.65	39.25
2 Gripenko (Romania)	9.60	9.60	9.65	9.65	38.50
3 Mostaf Alex (USSR)	9.65	9.60	9.60	9.75	38.60
4 Darya, Rukina (ROM)	9.65	9.65	9.65	9.55	38.55
5 Gyrgy, Natasja (URS)	9.60	9.75	9.60	9.55	38.50
6 Mostaf Alex (USSR)	9.65	9.75	9.60	9.60	38.60
7 Zavarova, Rukina (TCH)	9.40	9.60	9.60	9.60	38.20
8 Gyrgy, Natasja (URS)	9.45	9.65	9.60	9.60	38.15
9 Smolin Ekaterina (USSR)	9.65	9.65	9.60	9.60	38.10
10 Topolova, Rukina (BUL)	9.50	9.65	9.65	9.50	38.30

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